



**PROJECT:** Lake Michigan Diversion Accounting, Illinois

**AUTHORIZATION:** WRDA 1986

**TYPE:** Operations and Maintenance (Navigation)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Beginning with the State of Illinois' reversal of the flow of the Chicago River in 1900, the other Great Lakes states (Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin) have been concerned about the diversions of Lake Michigan water out of the basin. Their concern has led to litigation and a series of Supreme Court Decrees, which have regulated the diversion since 1925. The 1967 Decree, modified in 1980, specifies the allowable diversion at 3200 cfs. The Corps of Engineers, responsible for measuring the diversion, reported during recent years that Illinois had been diverting in excess of the amount provided in the Decree. Measurements are presently taken at Romeoville on the Sanitary & Ship Canal.

**CURRENT STATUS:** All eight Great Lakes states and the Federal Government (Department of Justice) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on Oct 9, 1996, to resolve the above dispute involving the diversion of water from Lake Michigan by the State of Illinois. In accordance with the MOU, the Corps will; (1) repair the lock system at the Chicago Controlling Works (ongoing, previously budgeted O&M); (2) during three-year trial period (subject to Congressional direction and funding), set up a Diversion Measurement System at the Lakefront; and (3) assess the Lakefront Measurement System, as well as continue to measure diversion at Romeoville on the Sanitary and Ship Canal.

**PROJECT COST:**

**FY 99 (\$1,003,000)**

Romeoville Accounting	\$503,000
Lakefront Accounting	\$500,000

**FY 00 (\$832,000)**

Romeoville Accounting	\$532,000
Lakefront Accounting	\$300,000

**BENEFITS:** N/A

**LOCAL SPONSOR:** N/A

**ISSUES/CONCERNS:** None.

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